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Attorney Docket No. PAT-100T

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which includes an Extension of Time.
2. Amendment Under 37 CFR §1.111
3. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98
4. Form PTO/SB/08 (2 pages), including cited references (2 references)
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**REQUEST
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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>Application Number</i>	10/018,098
<i>Filing Date</i>	December 11, 2001
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Lutz Fink
<i>Art Unit</i>	2814
<i>Examiner Name</i>	Shrinivas H. Rao
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	PAT-100T

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1994, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
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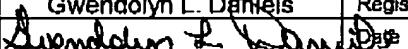
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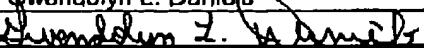
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